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SUBJECT: HOLIDAY INN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ITU DELEGATION

1. FOLLOWING IS QUOTED TELEX RECEIVED FROM MANAGER HOLIDAY
INN IN TORREMOLINOS WHERE U.S. ITU DELEGATION BEING
QUARTERED:

QUOTE

TO EMBASSY MADRID
ATTENTION ADMIN OFFICER

FROM USDEL TORREMOLINOS FEMMINELLA

SUBJ: HOLIDAY INN BOOKING DILEMMA

1. RESIDENT MANAGER HOLIDAY INN SANTIAGO PAYO RECEIVED
FOLLOWING CABLE FROM HIS U.S. PRINCIPALS:

9/14/73

ATTN GUSTOVO MICHEL

OREGON ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS HAS OBTAINED A COURT
ORDER WHICH PROHIBITS HOLIDAY INNS INC AND HOLIDAY INNS
ESPANA S.A. FROM REFUSING 187 TWIN ROOMS PLUS 5 PARLORS
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FOR 10/02 THROUGH 10/11/73 AS PER THE CONFIRMATION OF

6/29/73. THE COURT ORDER IS IN EFFECT UNTIL 9/20/73
ON WHICH DATE A HEARING WILL BE HELD IN COURT IN
PORTLAND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ORDER SHOULD BECOME
A PERMANENT INJUNCTION.

WE KNOW OF NO STRONG DEFENSE TO PRESENT AT THE HEARING
ON 9/20 CONSEQUENTLY WE WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE A
PERMANENT INJUNCTION REQUIRING US TO PROVIDE THE SAID
ROOMS UNLESS THE US GOVERNMENT CAN SEND SOMEONE TO
TESTIFY IN OUR FAVOR ON 9/20 OR UNLESS THE US GOVERNMENT
CAN ACCEPT ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS.

PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE US EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND
EXPLAIN TO THEM OUR DILEMMA.

WE NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THE US GOVERNMENT IN ANY ONE OF
THE FOLLOWING WAYS IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE FROM OUR
STANDPOINT:

1. US GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS
ON THE DATES IN QUESTION SO THAT THE OREGON GROUP CAN
BE ACCOMMODATED IN FULL.

OR

2. US GOVERNMENT PROVIDES AN OFFICIAL TO TESTIFY ON
OUR BEHALF IN COURT ON SEPT 20 IN PORTLAND, OREGON. THE
TESTIMONY SHOULD BE GIVEN REGARDING THE URGENT NECESSITY
OF THE US GOVERNMENT FOR THE ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE
HOLIDAY INN

OR

3. US EMBASSY IN SPAIN OR OTHER US AGENCY SENDS A
TELEGRAM TO HONORABLE JUDGE PATRICK DOOLEY, MULTNOMAH
COUNTRY CIRCUIT COURT PORTLAND, OREGON WITH COPY TO
JAMES K. KEILL JR., 421 S.W. SIXTH AVENUE, PORTLAND,
OREGON 97204. THE TELEGRAM SHOULD EXPLAIN THE POSITION
OF THE US GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT'S NEED FOR THE
ROOMS.

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JAMES C. LEECH
CHARLES E. WALPOLE
LEGAL DEPARTMENT
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE USA

HE ASKS EMBASSY BE OF WHATEVER ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE.
WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN DATES COURT HEARING.

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2. INITIAL RESERVATIONS FOR ITU DELEGATION WERE MADE THROUGH SPANISH MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 10466. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, SPANISH ASSIGNED AMERICAN DELEGATION THE HOTEL SPACE AT HOLIDAY INN.

3. SINCE ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATIONS IS NOT PRACTICAL, REQUEST OIC CONSULT WITH LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE AS TO APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BE TAKEN REGARDING HOLIDAY INN REQUEST. PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO PARAS 2 AND 3 OF QUOTED TELEX. EMBASSY FEELS OIC IS IN BEST POSITION TO COMPLY WITH EITHER PARA 2 OR 3.

4. FOR ITU TORREMLOINOS: SUGGEST FEMMINELLA DISCUSS SITUATION WITH SPAIN'S COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHO MAY BE ATTENDING CONFERENCE AND SEEK THEIR ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING MATTER FROM SPANISH SIDE.
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